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CONTAINER EXTRACTION CHARACTERISTICS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2003. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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